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TO:

MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM:

ROGER SNOBLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Eastside FFGA

L.A. Times and Daily News reporters interviewed CEO Roger Snoble today regarding the letter sent to FTA by Congressman Istook. Reporters were told Metro is working on several fronts to address the Congressman's concerns. FTA is responding to his letter. The Congressman will be here next week to meet with LA County officials and tour the alignment. Our Congressional delegation is talking to Congressman Istook, as well. This is the only pending FFGA. It is ready to start construction and the costs will never be cheaper. Members of Congress have been alerted to the possibility that articles may appear in tomorrow's morning editions and they were encouraged to express their unwavering support of the Eastside FFGA to the press.

If you have any questions concerning the Federal Brief, please contact Marc Littman, Deputy Executive Officer of Public Relations at (213) 922-4609.